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Middletown Directory.

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COLORED METHODIST.—Rev. N. Morris—Pastor. Service every other Sunday at 10.30 p. m.; 3 and 8 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 1 p. m.

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ADONIRAM CHAPTER No. 5, R. A. M. Meets in Masonic Hall on the second and fourth Fridays of every month at 8 o'clock, p. m.
UNION LODGE No. 5, A. F. A. M. Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 8 o'clock, p. m. Masonic Hall.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

DAMON LODGE, No. 12 Meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Lodge room in the Town Hall.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

PEACH BLOSSOM GRANGE, No. 3. Meets every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Grange Room in the Knights of Pythias Hall.

I. O. O. F.

GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE, No 9. Meets every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Lodge Room in Cochran Hall, No. 2, Cochran Square.

BUILDING AND LOAN.

MIDDLETOWN B. & L. ASSOCIATION.—Samuel Penington, Pres.; A. G. Cox, Secretary. Meets on the first Thursday of every month at 8 o'clock, p. m.
MUTUAL LOAN ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLETOWN.—Jas. H. Scowdrick, Pres.; A. G. Cox, Secretary. Meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 8 o'clock, p. m.

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AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

PENINS. AGRICULTURAL AND POMOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—Wm. R. Cochran, President; J. T. Budd, Secretary; Wm. R. Cochran, Chairman of Board of Managers. Annual Meeting third Saturday in January. Fair of 1875, October 6, 7 and 8.

DIAMOND STATE BRASS BAND.

Meets for practice every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

POST OFFICE.

OFFICE HOURS.—Opens at 6 30 a m and closes at 9 p m every day except Sunday
Mails for the North close at 6.45 a m, and 3.00 p m.
Mail for the South closes at 10 a m.
Mails for Odessa close at 10.15 a m and 7.30 p m.
Mails for Warwick, Sassafras and Cecilton close at 10.15 a m.

DELAWARE RAILROAD.

Passenger trains going North leave at 7.04 a m and 3.14 p m.; going South at 10.33 a m and 7.55 p m. Freight trains with passenger car attached, going North, leave at 7.45 p m; going South, at 6.28 a m.

STAGE LINES.

Stage for Odessa, with U. S. Mail, leaves shortly after arrival of the 10.23 a m and 7.55 p m mail trains.
Stages for Warwick, Sassafras and Cecilton leave shortly after arrival of the 10.23 a m train.

FURNITURE.

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The undersigned respectfully announces to the citizens of Middletown and vicinity that he has on hand a large and well selected stock of handsome and durable

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The Corpse may be dressed in the finest fabrics and not be soiled, (and can be seen at all times) as nothing but dry cold air enters the Casket.

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150 Cords of Oak and Maple WOOD, either in the woods or delivered in quantities to suit purchasers. Apply to JOHN A. REYNOLDS,

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Select Poetry.

Selected for the Transcript.

"INTO EACH LIFE SOME RAIN MUST FALL."

If this were all—Oh! if this were all,
That "Into each life some rain must fall;"
There were fainter sobs in the poet's rhyme,
There were fewer wrecks on the shore of Time.

But tempests of woe dash over the soul,
Since words of anguish we cannot control;
And shock, after shock, we are called to bear,
Till the lips are white with the heart's despair.

The shores of Time with wrecks are strewn;
Unto the ear comes ever a moan;
Wrecks of hope that set sail with glee,
Wrecks of love sinking silently.

Many are hid from the human eye,
Only God knoweth how deep they lie;
Only God heard when arose the prayer,—
Help me to bear—Oh! help me to bear.

"Into each life some rain must fall,"
If this were all—Oh! if this were all;
Yet there's a refuge from storm and blast,
Gloria Patria—will reach at last.

Be strong, be strong, to my heart I cry,
The pearl in the wounded shell doth lie;
Days of sunshine are given to all,
Tho' "Into each life *some* rain must fall."

Select Story.

THE VICTORY.

'Howard?'—and the voice was low and tender which spoke; but the boy never heeded, and the soft fingers clasping his felt no answering pressure.

'Oh, brother,' went on the same entreating tones, 'do not give up so, as if there were no hope left; there's many and many a thing you can do yet; only think, dearest, how much worse it might have been; only think if you had been——'

But she could not finish the sentence.

'It would have been better, Ethel,' he answered, passionately, his voice hoarse and broken. 'Better, far better, that I had died, than live only to drag out a miserable existence, a burden to everyone and myself.'

'No burden, Howard,' sobbed the girl. "Oh, no! How can you say that, when we love you so dearly? It would have broken mamma's heart to part with you. O brother! Think what it is to have the sweet privilege of still exchanging acts and thoughts of love.'

His heart was softened; tears filled the large hazel eyes and he flung his arms about her neck and silently kissed her cheek. For a while each was busily thinking; then the sister rose to go.

'I cannot stay longer, Howard,' she said, regretfully. 'It is time to make the tea;' then, as she bent to give him her good night caress, she fondly whispered, 'Remember, dearest, they also serve who only stand and wait.''

'Dear Ethel!' mused the boy, when she had gone, 'what a brave, loving spirit she has! No, I will not despair; for her sake and mamma's I will achieve something.'

And he lay still there in the quiet twilight, his large eyes looking out into the shadows, and his mind busy planning for the future, until his thoughts took a different turn, and strayed back over his infancy and happy boyhood, down to the first great sorrow, his father's death, and on to the accident a week before, which had made him a cripple for life.

He was not what was called handsome—Howard Lee—though tall and well-formed. There was nothing in his face or manner to strike the transient beholder; his was one of those natures with which there must be soul-union in order to know its true worth. His love, where he did love, was intense, over-leaping all obstacles, and the whole devotion and ardor of his wealthy heart was centred in his mother and sister. He was gifted, too, though as yet he scarcely knew it, and all his high resolves and aspirations met with a keen shock when he heard that henceforth his vision would be bounded by that little room. But Ethel's words sank deep into his mind. He was fifteen; the next five years he could devote to preparatory study Mr. Weston, who had been his staunch, tried friend, would supply him with books from his library. What might he not do in five years? and then—and then!

Mrs. Lee was not rich, as might be seen by the room, the only article of luxury in which was the sofa on which Howard was lying. Still, there was no sign of poverty; the carpet and curtains were warm, if not expensive, and all the furniture was in keeping. But constant industry was needed to support the household in comfort. Mother and daughter kept a little millinery establishment in a suburban village; the family was respected and wished well by all; and not only this, but every one knew that whatever was bought at Mrs. Lee's would really be worth the price.

Howard, who wrote a good hand, had been employed as copyist in a lawyer's office, in London; so that each member of the little group had been happily and cheerfully occupied, until this misfortune cast a cloud over their sky.

It was morning—a clear, cold December morning, and Ethel had just cleared away the breakfast things, and arranged Howard's room which was now used as the sitting-room, and was preparing to sit down to her work, when a brisk step sounded on the walk, and, in a moment, some one knocked at the door.

'O Howard!' said Ethel, archly, as she opened it, 'here's another of these interminable visits, don't you wish it was over?'

'I only wish it could be interminable,' said Howard, as he extended his hand for Mr. Weston's friendly grasp; and a smile, the gayest that had been seen on his face for days, chased across his face.

Mr. Weston was a widower; his wife had died many years before, and it was not long ere his only child followed her. People suspected that he had met with reverses of fortune, but he never hinted it, and none could tell; all they knew was that he was extremely simple in his habits, and books were the only luxury he indulged in. It has been already said that he had a fine library. But, however it might be, neither poverty or grief had had power to contract the gentle heart that found its delight in doing good to others, although he felt, as keenly as any could, the blight that rested on all the fair promises of its own life. To none was he more attached than to Howard Lee, and his affection was returned by the warm-hearted boy, and the feeling of sorrow and disappointed hope was hardly less keen to him than to the sufferer.

He had been absent for a month, and this was the first time since the day after the accident, that he had seen Howard, who was now eagerly pouring into his ear his plan for studying.

'To be sure, my dear boy, to be sure,' was his ready response, when he had concluded. 'And I will propose something more, Howard, which you have not thought of. I should like to come and give you some little assistance myself. Now, no thanks,' he continued, smiling, as he noted the look of delighted surprise that beamed in the earnest eyes gazing into his own. 'It will be as great a pleasure to me as to you.'

So, with Mrs. Howard's consent—a consent how willingly given!—it was thus arranged that Howard should study with Mr. Weston, a few hours every morning. Ah, me! that little room where the young cripple lay, what sweetly mournful memories clustered around it in after years!

Thus five years passed tranquilly away, and it was not until the fifth that Howard revealed to his friend his long-cherished scheme of becoming an author, begging him to keep the knowledge sacred.

Mr. Weston was delighted. He had far less fear than the trembling aspirant that he would be successful, and readily proffered his aid in the laborious task of writing and correcting. So the two worked steadily on, while Ethel and her mother little dreamed of the ambitious scheme entertained by those so near them.

Though Howard had the general plan and scope of his work already sketched, it took two years to finish it for the publishers. How hard it was to appear indifferent during the time its acceptance was pending he only knew; but he went bravely through the ordeal. If it should not succeed, he asked himself again and again, what was the use of all these long years' study? But ah! if it should—if it should! What a happy competence it would provide for them all, releasing his dear ones from all toil and care!

And there were other and dearer considerations that increased his anxiety. Howard knew, although his mother tried to conceal it, that she was greatly straightened for want of means.

The summer had been an excessively hot one. Day after day the scorching sun-light fell on the parched earth, but the bright beams brought no joy to the hearts that were palpitating with hope for a shower. No balmy wind brought relief to the fevered brow of Ethel, as she tossed on her little bed, her whole frame wasting away under the fever that burned in her veins; her thoughts wandering back unconsciously to other days.

Poor Mrs. Lee forgot her perplexity about the want that impended in attending her darling; in watching, with trembling hope and fear, each beat of the fluttering pulse, each gasping, painful breath. Long seemed the contest between life and death; but youth and vigor conquered at last; and one bright, beautiful morning, after weary days and nights of tears and watching, Mrs. Lee came into Howard's room, her eyes dim, and her voice tremulous with joy, to tell him that Ethel was pronounced out of danger.

'Oh, we should not repine at anything when we have our darling restored to us!' she whispered. 'Everything else will come right in time; but, oh! if she had gone, there would have been no joy left.'

She had just closed the door when Howard heard a quick step in the hall, which he well knew, and his breath came and went hurriedly as Mr. Weston entered. He could not trust himself to speak; but one glance at his friend's face, flushed with joy, revealed the truth, and a fervent exclamation of thankfulness burst from his full heart.

'They have sent a sum of money in advance,' said Mr. Weston, as he turned to depart. 'I cannot stay any longer, but dear Howard, no one rejoices more at your success than I do.'

Howard caught his hand, and bowed his head over it, and Mr. Weston felt the tears that would not be restrained fall upon it.

Mrs. Lee was surprised at her son's emotion as she looked in to bid him 'good-night.'

'Stay one moment, mother,' he entreated, 'I have something to tell you. I know you are troubled about money for the rent and the things you have needed for Ethel's illness. Take this and use it as you will; it is a little gift from me.'

She looked astonished.

'Ask no questions now, dear mother,' he said, gaily; 'believe me, you shall know all soon. And remember the promise I once made, that though my life was a narrowed, it should not be a useless, existence.'

Ah! what a pleasure it was to be able to supply the little delicacies so grateful to the invalid; to see the happy look of contented peace come back to his mother's eyes; to feel that, but for him, a relapse might have carried the one so dear away from their yearning hearts—to know that it was his work. It was worth a life-time of pain to have reached that hour.

Slowly, at first, the bloom of health returned to Ethel's cheek, its sparkle to her eye, its elasticity to her frame; but, after a few weeks, she grew rapidly better; and when, on a lovely evening towards the middle of August, Mr. Weston walked down to the cottage, he thought he had scarcely ever seen her look so blooming. He had brought a new book, he said; and the little group gathered around to hear him read it

Hour after hour stole on unnoticed, while they listened, entranced, to the glowing thoughts that sprung fresh from the heart of the author—a heart beating warm and tender towards his fellow-battlers in the great contest of life, urging them ever not to despair, not to yield to doubt, to remember that the promise is to him that 'overcometh.' Lavish were the praises bestowed on it by the listeners, though Ethel wondered slightly why Howard should be so silent.

When their exclamations of delight had subsided Mr. Weston said, half smiling—'Perhaps you would like to know the name of the writer.'

'Oh, yes, indeed!' said Ethel, eagerly.

'He does not live far from you,' was the reply. 'Can you not guess—'

But he was interrupted; she caught the glance of her brother's eye; something in it told her the tale, and she sprang to his side with a glad cry. Her mother pressed forward and caught him to her heart, while their tears mingled.

It was long ere the happy trio separated, but at length Mrs. Lee, fearing the effect of such excitement on his delicate frame, drew the reluctant Ethel away that he might get a little repose. As she drew the curtain to shade his eyes, she said,—'You have worked too hard, I am afraid, dear Howard; you are looking pale and thin; try and rest awhile.' Then, as she looked back from the door at the face lying with closed eyes on the pillows, she murmured with a fear she did not wholly admit, to herself,—'My blessed Howard, heaven grant him to us a little longer.'

Five weeks had flown by and the little household had settled back to something of its usual calm when they were startled by the arrival of a letter, saying that Mr. Courtney, of the great publishing house of Courtney & Co., was coming down to the village to rusticate awhile, and had thought it better to have a personal interview with Howard, regarding a new edition of his work. So one evening he alighted at the village inn, and the next morning walked over to Mrs. Lee's.

He was refined and talented, and they were all captivated; he, on his part, seemed no less pleased, and his visits became more and more frequent. Indeed, the villagers began to hint that there was an attraction more powerful than Howard's presence at the cottage, and that when, after a prolonged stay, he at last departed, the pretty Ethel's heart went away with him. They must have been right, for there was so much busy preparation; and when he returned there was a quiet wedding, and the timid, blushing Ethel was the bride.

Of all the happy hearts, assembled on that bright spring morning, none beat more joyously or thankfully than he who gave away the bride—Mr. Weston. He lingered, after the guests had departed, to say a few parting words, and it was not till after the bridal party had gone that Howard saw a packet directed to his mother in his friend's well-known hand-writing. He called her attention to it. When opened it was found to contain a deed, made out in Mrs. Lee's name, of the home that had sheltered them so long. The letter went on to say that he had unexpectedly fallen heir to a large fortune, and he hoped they would accept this slight token of his friendship. It would have been unkind to refuse, and they gladly received it

So the mother and son lived on in the old home, Howard from time to time sending forth a volume from his retreat, and she finding her happiness in his. Every summer Ethel and her little ones spent with them; and their grandmother could hardly be blamed for being a little partial to one fair boy whose dark eyes and auburn hair were the very hue of his namesake's.

But the tenth summer brought with it the sad knowledge that the life so prized was drawing to a close. Howard was dying. It was on a summer evening that he died, just at sunset; the fading light streamed through the window, resting like a halo of glory on the calm face, losing itself in his wealth of auburn hair, creeping tenderly around those kneeling beside the bed, falling warm and bright over the quaint old Bible lying open near.

Mother and son were not long parted. A few short months and the hearts that clung so fondly to each other were together evermore.

Religious Bummers.

In the days of my childhood, to the house of my father, who was a country pastor:, came a minister, having no home, family, or work. An Englishman by birth, admitted to the ministry in that country, and, finding no parish that desired his services there, he emigrated to our benighted land, in full assurance that his farthing candle would be a burning and shining light on these shores. He had some sort of introduction to my father, who took him in, and gave him that hospitality which is often a serious tax upon the purse and the pantry of a rural minister. One little incident of that visitation survives: The stranger was reading the Scriptures in family worship, and, for the first time, we children heard the cockney use and abuse of the aspirate; for he read in Isaiah, 'the hox knoweth is howner and the hass is master's crib,' which was never forgotten, in that house, you may believe. We sought an explanation of the meaning of such English, and received it with the parental injunction never to make fun of the peculiarities of other people I have always obeyed that direction.

The wandering star passed out of our vision, for a season, but returned again at irregular intervals for many years. He never became a fixed star. Forty years after he first made his appearance in our rural parish, I was attending an ecclesiastical meeting in another part of the country, and the case of a homeless minister was brought up. He was said to be in actual need of daily bread and shelter. A contribution was made for his relief. I found that he was the same English minister whose aspirates had amused me when a boy, and whose young limbs 'had brought him to our door.' Now, I was called on to pity the sorrows of the 'poor *old* man,' for he had wandered up and down the country all these many and weary years, seeking rest and finding none, and now in extreme age and many infirmities, unable to travel on, he must lie down and die. He had literally begged of ministers his way through life. It was his habit to go from place to place, with this one question, 'Is there a vacant pulpit in this region where I can be employed?' He knew very well there was none that craved his aid. Rejected a hundred times, he had long since learned there was no work in the ministry for him to do. But when he found himself in the snug chimney corner of a rural pastor's quiet home, the stout and lazy wanderer showed no signs of moving, but literally copied the sentiment of the apostle who was in every state content. So long as the patience of the pastor's wife held out, the unwelcome guest held on. What means were used to dislodge him are not on record, but it is quite likely that a council of war in the night-time led the good woman of the house to say that the lodger must leave or she would, and, when it comes to that, the lodger for the most part leaves.

Then he moves on to the house of some other 'brother in the ministry.' The same scene is repeated here. In how many pastoral residences it is gone over, it is impossible to say. Often relief is found only by paying a heavy tax for it. When I was a pastor in the country, one of these peripatetics came to my door on a Friday night, introduced himself and gave me testimonials of his regular standing in the Church. He 'put up' with me, and I had to put up with him. He hindered me in my preparation for Sunday, but that was not the worst of it, for he begged of me to let him preach! I would have preferred to enjoy that pleasure myself. He did. He lingered through Monday. Tuesday went, but he staid I then said to him:

'Which way do you propose to travel?'

He turned a look of great sadness upon me and answered:

'I have no place to go to, and no money to go with, if I had.'

There was then but one of two things for me to do: I must keep him for life, or provide him with the means of travel. Much troubled as I was with the abundant lack of means, the prospect of enjoying his society indefinitely was more painful than my poverty, and, taking from my scant store the largest bill I had, I handed him five dollars, and said:

'Take this, and it will pay your way to where there is a vacant church: when you find work and are able, send me this money back, or give it to some brother who is as badly off as you are now.'

He went away sorrowful, and, as he never returned the money nor reported progress, I presume he has subsided.

But the rural clergy have no experiences of these wandering brethren worthy to be compared with the sufferings of pastors in cities. I was recently spending a few days with a friend in one of our cities, and had a chance to see what inroads were made upon his time, by these calls and visitations. He could scarcely eat his breakfast or dinner in peace. Every day some one or more would come in upon him with or without letters of introduction, plainly intimating by their manner that they had come to stay, and seizing the least trace of invitation to make themselves at home. Such an intrusion often deranges the plans of the household, interferes with pastoral work and study, weakens the force and usefulness of the next Sunday's sermons, and *aggravates* the female department beyond all reason. It is impossible to convey to any one outside of a minister's family a full sense of the seriousness of this evil.

Take a lawyer's family for example. Suppose that some day, as they are about to sit down to dinner, a stranger should come in and say, 'I am a lawyer, just now out of practice, and, learning of your success, I come to ask you if you can put me in the way of getting business.' How long would that stranger have to wait before he got an invitation to 'put up' at his brother's house? But, if both were ministers, the stranger would expect to be entertained indefinitely.

And is there any greater impropriety in thus intruding upon a lawyer or a physician or a farmer, than there is in billeting upon the hospitality of a minister? I trow not.

There are men in this city, and the race is perpetuated from year to year, who live by going from door to door, and asking to be aided as ministers of the gospel; sometimes they claim to be engaged in a specific field of labor, but under the auspices of no particular Church or Society; working on their own hook, with sublime faith that their daily wants would be supplied. Many of them are imposters, having no character or standing anywhere *None of them are worthy of anybody's aid.* The most of the labor, often, the only labor they do, is to levy this tax on the easy credulity of the saints. They have lists of the names and residences of the benevolent people of the city, and they go from house to house, year after year, and pick up, in small sums, an amount of money far greater than the annual salaries of our faithful city missionaries, who work, like good soldiers, on scant pay and rations. Around our religious meetings some of these men are always hovering, willing to put in an oar whenever they can get a chance; taking up the time that other and better men should employ, bringing the meeting into disrespect; and yet, by getting their own names before the public now and then, they make little prestige on which they push their begging business, which is their only *business*.

In war, a man who follows the army, having no relation to it either as soldier, servant or sutler, a mere hanger-on, to pick up something, to steal, or beg, to get his living by hook or crook, is called a bummer. The etymology of the word has not been traced by the Philological Society. But its meaning is not hard to be understood. And the Church is infested with religious bummers. They are men who get a living just as tramps get theirs, fastening themselves upon the kindness of those who work. They are the meanest of all thieves, and their possession of religion, even their possession of a title to the ministry, does not mitigate their meanness, nor deliver them from the divine sentence of starvation if they do not work.—*Irenœus, in New York Observer.*

A BIG TREE.—A section of one of the monster trees of California is being prepared in that locality for transmission to Philadelphia for exhibition at the Centennial. The piece intended for transportation will be sixteen feet long, twenty-one feet in diameter at one end and nineteen feet at the other. It will be bored so as to leave only a thin shell of the wood remaining, and then divided into eight parts, each of which will weigh four thousand pounds. This specimen was taken out of a tree two hundred and seventy-five feet in height, and will constitute one of the noted features of the Exhibition.

THE GOLDEN RULE AND THE RULE OF GOLD.—A few days ago a gentleman of this city received by mail a check for five hundred dollars. He deposited it in his bank, and went down into the street, there to be met by a rumor that sent him back in haste. Just twenty-five minutes had elapsed. The teller's little door was shut. The money was gone. Had it been stolen? Was the banker a swindler? No, he had failed. About the same time, a merchant received a large quantity of goods, one day near the close of business hours. He made some commonplace excuse for not making immediate payment, and promised to send a check the next morning. The first announcement of the morning was that he had failed. He had the goods, but the real owner was without his check. Was the merchant a thief? He was unable to meet his obligations Two young men were recently brought into our police courts on a charge of stealing shoes from a Third Avenue store. They were decent in appearance, and it was believed by some that they had been driven to crime by want. Had they failed or had they suspended? Or was it because they were unable to meet their obligations? Not at all. They were thieves—common thieves—very common thieves. They were sent to the penitentiary for two months.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

GIRLS FISHING.—A tells us how ladies fish. He says he saw four of them who had succeeded in landing a little flounder. No sooner had the poor fish struck the ground than all exclaimed in one voice:

'Ouch! Murder! take it away. Ugh, the nasty thing!'

Then they hold up their skirts and gather about that fish, and all the time the one who caught the fish is holding the line in both hands, with her foot on the pole, as though she had an evil-disposed goat at the other end, which she expected to butt her at any moment Then they talk over it:

'However will we get it off?'

'Ain't it pretty?'

'Look how it pants.'

'Wonder if it ain't dry?'

'Poor little thing, let's put it back.'

'How will we get the hook from it?'

'Pick it up' says a girl, who backs rapidly out of the circle.

'Good gracious! I'm afraid of it. There, it's opening its mouth at me.'

Just then the fish wiggles off the hook and disappears into the water, and the girls try for another bite.

A TASTE FOR READING.—'My son is an inveterate reader,' said a lady the other day; 'all he wants is a book or a paper, and he is happy.' 'And what does he read?' asked the listener. 'He subscribes for —— (mentioning one of our most popular sensational newspapers), and pays for it out of his own spending money, and he reads everything in it; then he borrows books of boys in the neighborhood—I don't know what they are, but he is never without one or more. When he's reading I'm sure he's not in any mischief.' Sure? How could she be 'sure,' if she didn't know what her boy was reading, that the very soul of vice, and mischief, and ultimate ruin was not at work within him, quiet as he seemed over his book? There are in New York city alone no less than thirteen publications, all with large circulations, for boys' and girls' reading. These supply the most vicious matter; mainly pirate, highwayman and Indian stories. A police officer in Philadelphia stated not long ago that if certain publications could be suppressed, and certain plays be removed from the boards of the theater, the reform school for boys would soon be empty.

A MAN WITH CURIOSITY.—A condemned man in Missouri had a liberal curiosity to see the scaffold built, on which he was to be hanged. He was granted this indulgence, with the added benefaction of an arm chair and a bottle of whiskey, in the former of which he sat and from the latter of which he drank, 'bossing the job' with the utmost fury and the liveliest paroxysms of profanity until the sun went down and the calm and deep peace of complete intoxication descended upon him, and he fell from his chair over the balcony, nearly blotting out the executioner, who was lounging around beneath, and rendering almost useless the reprieve which the next morning restored him to a renewed lease of life and a possible new trial.

HE KNEW WHAT WAS COMING.—The Providence *Journal* tells the following old story which is worth repeating: A careful, old-fashioned man a few years ago came into town to sell some shares in a bank. 'Why do you wish to sell them?' he was asked. 'You cannot invest your money better. The bank is well managed, the dividends are certain, regular and satisfactory.' Our friend from the country replied: 'I know all that. The bank is well enough: but I don't want stock in a bank where the cashier keeps a race-horse and bets on the course. When the cashier defaulted, a few years afterware, the overcautious old fogy did not hold any of the shares, which went down fifteen per cent.

Varieties.

Love descends to friendship; friendship never soars to love.

The jail at Greeley, Col., has stood empty ever since it was built.

Some of our great-grandmothers it appears wore pull-back dresses.

A Western woman calls her boy an almanac; he indulges so freely in dates.

By an old law of Pennsylvania all horses engaged in racing for money can be seized.

There are carpets in the White House which haven't been taken up for eight years.

Sore mouths have been caused by drinking from the cups in common use at Saratoga.

The children in Florida say they live on sweet potatoes in summer, and on strangers in winter.

A little child at Gadsden, Ala., was lately attacked and killed by a rooster, a spur penetrating the brain.

Five things are requisite to a good officer—ability, clean hands, dispatch, patience and impartiality.—*William Penn.*

Henry Ward Beecher, as done in wax at Madame Tusard's, London, is said to be the living image of Theodore Tilton.

The female house-fly does not bite, but her tendency to suicide by drowning in your tea cup quite offsets this admirable quality.

Paul Boynton's suits, they say, each costs about as much as a cabin passage, not to speak of the inconvenience of swimming over, besides.

The Milwaukee News says that in that city it is an insuperable objection to female lawyers that they cannot put their feet upon the table.

Four silver decanter stands, presented by David Garrick to Hannah Moore were sold at auction at Ross, England, recently, for $300.

The latest discovery at Pompeii is that of the figure of a woman lighting a fire in a cook stove, while her husband is asleep in bed.

Rev. Charles Fisher, of Hartford, Conn., has just married his 1000th couple, and has no idea how much he has to answer for.

Pittsburg is going to erect a monument in memory of the author of "Old Dog Tray." The organ grinders should contribute liberally.

General Spinner estimates that there are 2,000,000 lead nickles in circulation, and so if you get one you needn't feel flattered about it.

Over four thousand specimens of ink have been tested by the U. S. Government to obtain one that cannot be obliterated from defaced stamps.

There is a man in Iowa who can honestly say that he never opened another man's letter by mistake. His name is John Pfafselkaeffingarr.

Grant wants to lead the great Know-Nothing party of the future. Certainly they could not find a leader who knows less.—*Richmond Enq*

This is indeed an advanced age.—Instead of a wedding and a minister's fee, they just jump over a broomstick in Indiana, and call it "a soul union."

All the inventive genius of the great and 'tarnally cute' Yankee nation is said to be unequal to making a fire-cracker. And we are mighty glad of it.

"If Jones undertakes to pull my ears," said a loud-mouthed fellow on a street corner, "he will just have his hands full, now." The crowd looked at the man's ears and thought so, too.

The Warwickshire miners, while waiting the doubtful issue of their strike, having borrowed slates and pencils and copy books, and are receiving instructions in reading, writing and arithmetic.

A Lafayette (Ind.) man has a pear tree that blossoms every two weeks, and now has on it the representatives of three several crops—pears varying in size from that of a pea to that of a large hen's egg.

The Leavenworth (Kan.) people are afflicted with flying snakes that crowl through the air, four feet above ground. They are little things, about a foot long, spotted, with flappers as big as a man's hand.

Great curiositp was felt in Washington circles to see Treasurer New's autograph. Several of the clerks found it on each of their desks with a polite note, and then they didn't like it so well.

Santa Anna is 77, but still erect and slender, and his black hair and black eyes yet preserve their original brilliancy. He is as fond of cock fighting as ever, but hasn't money to indulge in it as much as he would like.

Poor women! When they wear loose, ample skirts, every body condemns their extravagance. Now that the pretty and graceful tie-back skirt comes in, the newspapers call it indecent. Why, it's the prettiest thing in the way of dress since Eve left Eden, and what's the use of howling about it.

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Local and State Affairs.

Items of Local Interest.

The P. W. & B. R. R. Co. are erecting a new round house at Wilmington.

Ziba Ferris, one of Wilmington's oldest and most respected citizens died last week. He was over 90 years old.

At the monthly meeting of the Mutual Loan Association on Tuesday night, funds sold at $1.15 to $1.55 per share premium.

The Women's Temperance Union of Delaware, met in the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, on Tuesday.

Messrs. J. M. Cox & Bro., of this town, are now working but eight hours per day—beginning at 8 A. M. and stopping at 5 P. M.

The Synod of Baltimore, comprising the Presbyteries of New Castle, Baltimore, Washington and Rio Janeiro (S. A.), met in Wilmington this week.

Several articles, local and otherwise, which were intended for last week's issue, but were crowded out by the Premium List, are published in this issue.

A Teachers' Institute has been called by State Superintendent Groves to meet in the Town Hall, Middletown, next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Ex-Governor James Ponder has removed, with his family, from Milton, Sussex county, to Wilmington, where he will in future make his residence.

The farm of Wesley Irons, deceased, 1½ miles from Dover, containing 300 acres of land, was sold last week to Geo. W. Wells for $30,000—$100 per acre.

Why can't Middletown get up a soldier company to aid in the Centennial Celebration next year? Dover and Wilmington ought not to get ahead of us in this respect.

The weather has been changeable this week. In the early part of the week we had some of the coldest weather of the season and the last three days have been almost as warm as summer.

The next quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Poor, of this county, will be held at the Almshouse on Wednesday, the 27th inst. Persons who have bills to present should get them ready.

Philip Quigley, of Wilmington, it is reported, has received another Centennial contract—to build a bridge 500 feet long and 60 feet wide across Belmont Ravine, northeast of Horticultural Hall.

Arrangements are being made for a grand mass temperance meeting in Wilmington on the 28th inst., when the annual session of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance of Delaware, will meet in that city.

The negro preacher John Andrew, who listened to the funeral sermon of his wife, whom he had killed, from the church belfry, was tried at the Sussex county court last week, and convicted of murder in the second degree. Punishment—imprisonment for life.

Fatal Railroad Accident at Clayton.

On Wednesday morning of last week Roland B. Day, of Wilmington, while attemping to jump from the rear car, which is always cut off from the south-bound train at that station, while it was in motion, to the next car which had been detached, fell in front of the rear car and was run over by it and so injured that he died a few hours after the accident.

Burned to Death.

A fatal burning case occurred at Dover, Monday afternoon. A Mrs. Clifton, about 80 years of age, was left alone in the house smoking her pipe, but a few moments later her clothing was discovered in flames, supposed to have been set on fire by a spark from the pipe. All her clothing, as well as the hair on her head, was burned off, and death relived her of her sufferings in a few moments.

Another House Robbery.

Last Saturday night week some prowlers effected an entrance, without permission, into the house of Mr. Wm. Knotts, on the Levels, and made a thorough search for money and other valuables. As seems to be the custom with this kind of gentry they helped themselves plentifully from the pantry, and then walked off with Mr. Knott's watch and a few other little trinkets, as mementoes of their visit.

Some Apples.

Samuel Townsend, Esq., exhibited in Middletown last week a splendid mammoth Pippin apple, which, when put upon the scales, weighed 1 pound 7½ ounces. Mr. John B. Roberts, of this town, also brought into this shanty this week a big apple grown upon the farm of Mrs. M. A. Wilson, at Wilmer's Point, Cecil county, but it didn't quite come up to Mr. Townsend's. Mr. R.'s apple weighed 1 pound 6½ ounces, just 1 ounce lighter than the other, so that old Appoquinimink is still ahead. Next!

Wilmington Trotting Course.

The attention of our turf-loving readers is called to the programme of the "Trials of Speed" to be made on the Wilmington course on Wednesday and Thursday next, published in another place. The premiums offered are quite liberal, and it is expected that some fine trotting will be done. Several good trotters have been entered and some rare sport is anticipated. We have heard that efforts have been made to induce Mr. Wm. Caulk to enter his horse "Dixie," which took the first purses at our fair, in these races, with what success we have not been informed.

Laurel Fair.

The Laurel Peninsula Agri. and Mech. Society, have shown a commendable spirit of enterprise in preparing for the coming exhibition, which will take place on the 27th, 28th and 29th of this month. And it is earnestly asked by the committee that the ladies of this Peninsula will join the ladies of Laurel, in making the Ladies' Exhibition Hall a grand success, one that the stockholders will be proud to show visitors from other and older fairs, that old Sussex is not altogether in the back-grounds, but will one day compete with them. So ladies, help the ladies of your county, take or send something by the 26th, to fill up this Exhibition Hall.

Drowned in a Well.

George Schaick, proprietor of the Railroad Hotel, at Dover, was drowned by accidentally falling into his own well, Wednesday afternoon, last week. He was having the well cleaned out and while looking down watching the progress of the work, lost his balance and plunged down head-first thirty feet into about five feet of water, and being a portly man he became so tightly wedged in between the pump-stock and the side of the well that the stock had to be removed before he could be gotten out. This occupied some time and when finally the body was drawn out life was extinct. Mr. S. was about 50 years old.

Gunning Accident.

Mr. E. E. Ewing, editor of the *Cecil Whig*, while gunning last Tuesday, near Rowlandsville, Cecil county, Md., was accidentally shot by a gun in the hands of Joshua R. Way. Mr. Ewing had just shot at a rabbit and in running to get another shot struck the gun of his companion causing it to be discharged. The whole load of shot took effect in Mr. Ewing's side and but for a pocket-book in the breast pocket of his coat might have been very serious if not fatal. As it was he got a pretty ugly wound though it is not considered dangerous.

MORAL.—When you go gunning always carry a big pocket-book in your side pocket.

Teachers' Institute.

The readers of the TRANSCRIPT will perceive by referring to our advertising columns, that the first annual Teachers' Institute of New Castle county, will be held in the Town Hall, of Middletown, on the 28th. 29th and 30th of October. It is to be hoped that the Institute may be a perfect success, therefore the Superintendent is not only desirous of having the entire number of the teachers of this county present, but all others that are interested in the education of our children. Come one, come all! and help in our great and glorious cause. He also hopes that the commissioners of the different School Districts of the county, may consider the knowledges to be gained at the Institute, of such vital importance to their schools as to give to the teachers the time they may lose in attending its sessions. G.

List of Letters

Remaining in Middletown Post Office for the week ending October 23rd, 1875: Mary T. Byrnes, John K. Batten, A. Beekes, W. Balliard, Emily Bayard (col), Alice Brinkle, Howard Branton, C. C. Culbreth, H. M. Coburn (2), Lizzie Crawford (2), William E. Cooper, Joseph Colliton, Joseph Duany, George Demby, Wm. Deshields, George Dumm, Edmund Fitzpatrick, James Donnelly, Solomon Flanor, David J. Frees, Mary C. Frasher, David Henry Gray (col), John E. Heugher, Wm. Hensler, Robert T. Hargust, R. A. D. Hart, John E. Hughes, Adam Harris, James Howard, Mary Harris, Wm. Heralow, Samuel J. Javinian, Robert Johnson, Millie Kelly, Thomas Thelly, James Wooden, Samuel T. Moore, Bill Miller, Wm. Moffat, Samuel Martin, Lewis I. Pearce, Benj. Prior, Clara Pepper, George Polk, Wm. A. Place, W. F. Read, Thomas Rees, Isaac T. Redgraves, Mary T. Byrne, Mary Sine, Miss Smith, Mrs. E. Smily, Jeremiah Steward, John Steward, Prudence Sampson, O. T. Sacket, James Starkey, Eliza Scofield, Wm. C. Stinson, Wm. J. Sipple, R. S. Smith, O. P. Sacket, Benj. Simmons, Cart. J. Trough, Clara Tinston, Leah Harman, Sallie Hilliard, John Walker, Thos. Wilson, William Henry Wolzier, John Roche (2). Persons calling for the above letters will please say they are advertised. D. L. DUNNING, P. M.

State Temperance Union.

MEETING IN WILMINGTON—ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS.

The Women's Temperance Union met in the First Presbyterian Church Tuesday morning, Mrs. S. C. McCaulley presiding. Mrs. E. Stevens offered a prayer and Mrs. Edward Moore made a brief address.

Reports from various Unions in the State and Peninsula were read, and in the afternoon the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Moore.

Vice Presidents—Mrs. H. N. Willits, of Middletown, Del., Miss M. Grouch, Dover, Del., and Mrs. Tunnel, Georgetown, Del.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. S. W. McCauley.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss E. Coates.

Treasurer—Miss Annie Semple.

Executive Committee—Mrs. M. B. McClure, of Middletown, Mrs. J. B. Mann, New Castle, Mrs. Cowill, Camden, Del., Mrs. Marion Chandler, Wilmington, Mrs. M. J. Darlington, Mrs. Daniel Gregg, Odessa, Del., Mrs. Eliza Young, Dover, Mrs. Jefferson, Seaford, Mrs. J. B. Powell, Farmington, Del., Mrs. A. Graham, Christiana. Two Delegates, Mrs. Annie Martindale and Miss E. Coates, were elected to represent Wilmington at the National Convention to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 17th, 18th and 19th of November.

In the evening, at 7:30 o'clock, a brief address was delivered by Rev. T. E. Martindale, and Mrs. Martindale read an interesting report of the work of the Women's Temperance Union of Wilmington. The meeting then adjourned.

A Short Courtship.

A CAPTAIN RESCUES A LADY FROM DROWNING, IN THE MORNING, AND MARRIES HER IN THE AFTERNOON.

On Monday morning two oyster pungies were sailing on the Chesapeake Bay bound for Baltimore. Both were reputed to be fast sailors, and a stiff breeze was blowing at the time, all canvas was crowded on, and both pungies were doing their "level best." On board of one of the boats was a remarkably handsome young lady, daughter of the captain, who was sitting on deck waving her handkerchief, and otherwise demonstrating her enthusiasm at the apparent success of her father's boat. So deeply interested in the race had she become, that, forgetting her situation, she rose up, and just as she did so, a heavy sea struck the boat, which caused her to lose her equilibrium, and she tumbled over the rail into the water. Quick as a flash the captain of the competing boat took in the situation at once, and giving the helm in charge of his colored man, he took off his boots, and plunged into the foaming waters, and when he arose to the surface he held the form of the girl in his arms. By this time, the first boat had rounded to, and sent off a boat to their assistance, and they were taken on board. By skillful manœuvering the colored man kept his boat as near as possible without colliding, and his captain was soon again treading his own deck. On arriving at Baltimore, both boats landed at the same wharf, when the father of the girl declared that the brave man must be rewarded, but he refused everything offered him. "Well," exclaimed the old man, "ef you won't take money, take my darter; she's willin', if you be!" The young fellow, after a moment's reflection, accepted the offer, and toward the close of day they were married. And the old man told him to take her, for he was "deserving of her."—*Seaford Citizen.*

The Jury List.

DRAWINGS FOR THE NOVEMBER TERM OF COURT.

The following is a list of the Petit Jurors drawn for the November term of the Court:

First panel: Brandywine hundred—Bayard Guest, John Veale, Westley Harrigan; Wilmington—David P. Derrickson, John L. Richardson, John P. Ruth; Christiana—Wm. Woods, George Miller, George W. Ely; Mill Creek—James Ward, Levi Moore, Samuel Sharpless; White Clay Creek—Thomas Lum, Daniel Draper, Joseph Pogne; Pencader—John W. Reed, Wm. Thomas Dayett, Samuel Comly; New Castle—Edward A. Stoops, Wm. Banks, George Hawthorn; Red Lion—John F. Reybold, Francis D. Dunlap, R. G. Alexander; St. Georges—James R. Hoffecker, E. F. Boulden, Wm. Wood; Appoquinimink—Henry W. Wells, John W. Naudain, Francis Vandyke.

Second panel: Brandywine hundred—Jas. E. Hornby, Geo. W. Harriett, Nelson Foulk; Wilmington—James Christy, David Woolman, Lewis T. Grubb; Christiana—John Evans, Wm. Brackin, Wills Passmore; Mill Creek—Crawford Rankin, Calvin Derrickson, Charles Rubencame; White Clay Creek—Samuel W. Morrison, William Cooch, Edward R. Wilson; Pencader—Thomas H. McCoy, John A. Moody, Charles Walton; New Castle—Thomas Appleby, F. Leckler, John Burnham; Red Lion—Charles S. Wright, Samuel M. Porter, William Ashcraft, Jr.; St. Georges—Thomas F. Dilworth, Joseph Hanson, Chas. T. Foard; Appoquinimink—Colin Ferguson, William Daniels, James Donovan.

Additional Jurors for Oyer and Terminer: Brandywine hundred—Curtis Hanby, Isaac Webster; Wilmington—Joseph S. Wheeler, Phillip G. Plunkett; Christiana—Sam'l Gamble, Jacob Way; Mill Creek—James Ridgeway, Joseph Derrickson; White Clay Creek—James L. Crossin, John Wayne; Pencader—Stephen Cunningham, Charles Leak; New Castle—William P. Forrest, David McCoy; Red Lion—James H. Hopkins, Charles C. Bigger; St. Georges—William L. Vandyke; Appoquinimink—Thomas Deakyne, Jr.

The Bridgeville Fair.

On Thursday a number of gentlemen, including the President and other officers of the P. A. & P. Association of Middletown, visited the fair of the Bridgeville Society which was held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. On arriving at the grounds they were met by Mr. H. Q. Nicholson, the Secretary, who tendered them the courtesies of the society. After dinner, taken at a restaurant kept by E. J. Willey, of Odessa, the mention of whose name will serve to indicate the nature and style of the repast, the Middletowners proceeded to view the grounds and the articles and animals on exhibition. The labors of the judges had already been completed and 1st, 2d and 3d premium cards were scattered around attached to the things to which they had been awarded.

The display in the Stock Department was either very limited or the animals had been removed before the arrival of the Middletown men. There were, however, some Alderney cattle, some fine Berkshire and Jersey Red pigs, sheep, oxen, horses, etc. The Ladies' Department was well filled, and contained a great many finely wrought articles both plain and fancy, useful and ornamental, manifesting the skill and handiwork of the fair ones of Old Sussex. Messrs. Robelen & Bro., of Wilmington, were on hand here with some of their fine organs, and received a token of appreciation of the merit of their instruments in the shape of 1st premiums.

There was also a good display in the Machinery Department and a goodly number of useful machines for the farmer's use were on exhibition.

The races were rather tame. What they were on the previous days we do not know, but on Thursday, the last day, they did not amount to much. But two were trotted, at least before the departure of the north-bound train at 4:20 P. M., and but little spirit was shown in them. In the first race there were but two entries and the time made was 3:12. In the second, there were three entries—"Lady Jane," "Sis" and a sorrel horse whose name we failed to learn. In the first heat the sorrel horse was distanced and the heat was won by "Lady Jane" in 2:54. The second heat was taken by the same mare in about the same time.

Owing to want of time, or other cause, the work upon the grounds was not completed in time for the fair, but such as was finished was done in a good, substantial manner. The building for the Ladies' Department is a well-built structure of sufficient size to hold a pretty large lot of things, and was arranged very neatly and prettily. The Machinery Department also had a good building, near which stands a nice looking office for the President. The whole field is enclosed with a good board fence eight feet high.

The Grand Stand and Judge's Stand were commenced too late to be completed in time for the fair, but were so far finished as to allow of being used. The track is a very good one.

On the whole the effort of the Bridgeville Society is a very creditable one They doubtless labored under considerable difficulty on account of the near vicinity of the Laurel Fair, but in raising funds to buy their ground, enclose it with a tight fence and erect such buildings as they have and booths for cattle they have shown a most admirable degree of energy and zeal.

Of course the usual errors of inexperience were made, but doubtless the managers have seen them as well as others and they will probably be remedied by another year.

Gas in Middletown.

Parties from the north are here offering to put up gas works, if enough consumers can be secured and our citizens will take half of the capital stock required. We have seen the list of consumers pledged, and on it are numbered many of our most prominent townsmen. Why do not all come up, not only to take the gas but subscribe for the stock? We are told these gentlemen only want about thirty more consumers and thirty-five hundred dollars in stock, to enable them to commence operations, and they guarantee us gas for Christmas eve, if the above can be secured within the next ten days. Shall we not have it?

The Delaware Historical Society

Are having prepared photographs of the Old Swedes's Church in Wilmington and the ancient communion service presented to it in 1718 by a Swedish mining company, for presentation to King Oscar of Sweden. The photographs will be accompanied by an engrossed parchment scroll describing the celebration ceremonies which took place in Wilmington in May, 1874, on the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the Old Swedes' Church.

Maryland Affairs.

TAKEN AT HIS WORD.—The *Democrat and News* (Dorchester county, Md.,) has the following curious item:

A gentleman from the Neck says: Some years ago Rev. Isaac Collins was preaching at Speddin's Church, Neck district, and was very much annoyed at his congregation turning in their seats to look at every new arrival. At last he could stand it no longer, and exclaimed: "There is one special request I desire of this congregation, and that is that they turn all the seats around so as to face the door before I preach here again." His request was attended to, and next Sunday when the Rev. Mr. Collins walked up to the pulpit he looked around at the backs of his audience and was so overcome with emotion, that he just took his seat and spoke not one word that beautiful Sunday evening.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Miss Sallie Cameron daughter of William Cameron of Cecil county, Md., died suddenly on Saturday night week. The circumstances attending her death are sad to think upon. She had been enjoying her usual good health, having assisted her sister in preparing the evening meal, and also with the milking, she was soon after seized with a death-like sickness, which lasted until about eleven o'clock, when death relieved her of her sufferings.

A family of small colored children living on Back street, Elkton, were left alone, their parents being out at work, were playing with the coal oil lamps on Monday afternoon last. One of the lamps was broken and the oil spilled on the clothes of a child about two and a half years old. The child afterward stood near enough to the fire to ignite the saturated clothing, and it was burned to death in a few moments.

One night last week, some unknown person broke into the stable of Mr. Willard H. Scotten, at Dixon's Tavern, took his trotting horse out into a woods near by, tied him to a tree and shot him dead. Mr. Scotten cannot imagine who has so much ill-will against him, not supposing he had an enemy in the world so inhuman.—*Centreville Observer.*

A meat house, belonging to Mrs. Emma Cochran, of Millington, caught fire from some rubbish which was being burned in the yard, near the house, on the 8th inst., and was burned to the ground. The dwelling was barely saved.

This is the way the *Kent News* describes the Maryland Reformers: "Know-Nothing head, sorehead Democratic body and a Radical tail. There's a portrait of your Potato Bug!"

The Worcester county railroad has been extended to Stockton, nine miles below Snow Hill, near Chincoteague bay, and freight has already been carried over the extension.

Hon. G. Vickers, as Trustee, has sold a part of the "Stepney Farm," in Broad Neck, Kent county, containing 106½ acres, to Samuel A. J. Wickes, for $35 per acre.

The October term of the Circuit Court for Kent county commenced last Monday. It will, probably, be a short term as there is not much business.

The dwelling house of Robert Butcher, colored, one mile from Millington, with nearly all its contents, was burned on Sunday week. Loss $300.

Capt. John Brown, for many years clerk to the commissioners of Kent county, died in Chestertown Tuesday morning week, aged 71.

The steamer George Law, which recently sank in the Chester river, was raised last week and towed to Baltimore for repairs.

Senator William M. Knight, of Cecil county, was Thursday week appointed General on the staff of the Governor.

Is your Life Worth 10 Cents?

Sickness prevails everywhere, and everybody complains of some disease during their life. When sick, the object is to get well; now we say plainly that no person in this world that is suffering with Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint and its effects, such as Indigestion, Costiveness, Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Palpitation of the Heart, Depressed Spirits, Biliousness, &c., can take *Green's August Flower* without getting relief If you doubt this go to your Druggist, Dr. Chamberlain, Middletown, Del., or H. P. Baker, Odessa, Del. and get a sample bottle for 10 cents and try it, or a regular size for 75 cts.

Business Locals.

1,500 yards Hamburg Edgings, at W. H. MOORE & CO.'S, very cheap.

If you want a pair of good Shop-Made Boots, go to W. H. MOORE & CO.'S. Every pair warranted.

A very handsome line of Shawls, at W. H. MOORE & CO.'S.

The best yard wide 12½ cents Bleached Muslin, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

An entirely new and fine assortment of Toilet and Fancy articles at ANDERSON'S DRUG STORE (Barr's old stand.)

A nice stock of French and English perfumery—Jasmine, Heliotrope, White Rose, Jockey Club, &c., at ANDERSON'S DRUG STORE.

MANIFESTS, for the shipment of peaches and other fruit, printed promptly and neatly at the TRANSCRIPT office.

Chamois skins for cleaning windows and carriages 20, 25, 30, and 40 cents at ANDERSON'S DRUG STORE.

An elegant Two-Button Kid Glove for 90 cents cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

All sizes window glass at ANDERSON'S DRUG STORE (Barr's old stand.)

Granulated Sugar 12 cents; A 11 cts, and B 10 cts, CASH, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

BILL HEADS, Shipping Tags, &c., can be had at the TRANSCRIPT office, at very low rates.

No. 1, 2, and 3 Mackerel in barrels, half barrels, and quarters; New Split Labrador Herring in barrels and half barrels, just received and for sale by S. M. REYNOLDS.

A choice Rio Coffee, green, 25 cents, roasted 30 cents, CASH, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

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License Applications.

NOTICE—I, SAMUEL YEARSLEY, in compliance with the requirements of the act of Assembly in such cases made and provided, do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the State of Delaware, in and for the County of New Castle, upon Monday, the 8th day of November, A. D., 1875, being the first day of the next November term of the said Court, for a license to keep an Inn or Tavern known as the Port Penn Hotel, in the village of Port Penn, School District No. 63, St. Georges Hundred, New Castle county, State of Delaware with the privilege of selling intoxicating liquors in less quantities than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, and the following freeholders recommend the said application, to-wit:

Isaac H. Vandegrift,	Hugh Fleming,
O. B. Webb,	Simeon Lord,
Conrad Zacheis,	Wm. Gibson,
Thomas S. Eaton,	Wm. C. Webb,
Zenas P. Longland,	Silas S. Johnson,
T. W. Engle,	James T. Carpenter,

Wm. A. Cleaver.

Oct 2—3w SAMUEL YEARSLEY.

NOTICE—I, JACKSON BRIANT in compliance with the requirements of the act of Assembly in such case made and provided, do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the State of Delaware, in and for the county of New Castle, upon Monday, the 15th day of November next, A. D. 1875, being the first day of the next November term of the said Court, for a license to keep an Inn or Tavern known as the National Hotel, in St. George's Hundred, in School District No. 94, New Castle County, and State of Delaware, with the privilege of selling intoxicating liquors in less quantities than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, and the following freeholders recommend the said application, to-wit:

R. A. Cochran,	E. R. Cochran,
C. E. Anderson,	J. F. Eliason,
Lewis Miller,	S. M. Reynolds,
Sewell Jones,	George Echenhofer,
Nathaniel Williams,	J. B. Fenimore,
John A. Kinsley,	John C. Vandenbraak,
	J. H. Walker,

Oct 16—3w JACKSON BRIANT.

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And can present to the public a beautiful line of

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Before purchasing elsewhere.

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

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The first annual teachers' institute for New Castle County will be held in the

Town Hall, Middletown, Del,

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Oct. 28, 29 and 30.

According to Sec. 11, of an act in relation to FREE SCHOOLS of DELAWARE,

passed March 25th, 1875, at Dover, Delaware, every teacher is required to attend the Teachers' Institute, in the County in which they are teaching, unless unavoidably detained.

Arrangements are being made for the

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who may be present.

The exercises will be of such a charactea that all who are present we hope may be highly entertained and instructed.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in our free schools.

The meeting will organize on Thursday, 28 at eleven o'clock a. m. Eminent instructors will be present. Music will be furnished by Prof. Charles T. Stratton.

J. H. GROVES,
Oct 16— State Supt. Free Schools Del.

NOTICE.

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Oct 2—2m Middletown, Del.

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And are prepared to sell at city prices.

We have whole suits	$6.50
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Address J. SHORTLIDGE, A. M.,
July 31—4m. Concordville, Pa.

$200 REWARD.

I will pay the above Reward for the arrest and conviction of the incendiaries who SET FIRE to my buildings on the farm occupied by B. F. KANELY, on last Monday, 20th inst.

ROBERT A. COCHRAN.
Sep 25—tf.

HOUSE FOR RENT.

ST. ANNE'S RECTORY. Possession 1st October. Apply to GEO. W. INGRAM.
Se 1pl—tf.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

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Is now offered to Farmers with the full assurance that it will give entire satisfaction, having been thoroughly tested and perfected during the past three years.

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Super Phosphate.

Price, $70 per Ton of 2000 lbs.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS.

Moisture (det. at 100°c.)	5.312
Soluable Phosphoric Acid,	30.438
Precipitated Phosphoric Acid,	1.664
OR	
Bone Phosphate of Lime rendered SOLUBLE,	66.450
" " " precipitated,	3.632

NOTE:—Over SEVENTY per cent. of Soluble and Precipitated Bone Phosphate of Lime presents an article which may well be called a CHALLENGE.

Compare this with the best acid phosphates or super phosphates in the market, and it will be found to present three times the strength.

Compare this with the cost of freighting Phosphate Rock or Bones, and Acid in carboys, to which manufacturers at a distance are subject.

Farmers who wish to use the CHALLENGE should apply early, as the supply is limited the present season.

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No. 20 South Delaware Ave., Philadelphia,
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TRADE MARK

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A sea fowl deposit imported exclusively by ourselves from South America.

It comes naturally in the condition of a very fine powder, requiring no grinding, and can be used with any drill.

Its record on grain, show it to be particularly adapted to full crops:

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Ammonia 1.23 per cent. Equivalent to Sulphate of Ammonia 4.77 per cent.
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Potash (Sulphate) 262 per cent.
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The Points of Superiority in this Drill over all others are:

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5th. The *Land Surveyor* is as correct as it is possible to make one, having one face showing 1-16 part of an acre, and another face registering the acres.

6th. The *Patent Axles* are so constructed that the bearings are on the outer and inner parts of the spindle, causing the Drill to run lighter to the team, and more steady than if bearings were on centre of spindle.

7th. All we can say for the *Patent Guano or Fertilizer Attachment* is that it is the only Drill which

Agricultural.

Ventilation of Stables.

As the time for getting the cattle into their winter quarters is approaching, we may properly give some consideration to the conditions to which they will be subjected. The facts we have presented concerning the phenomena of respiration, have a direct and important bearing upon this subject. We have seen that air in passing through the lungs becomes charged with carbonic acid. If the animal is in the open air the carbonic acid escapes and does no injury, but if in a confined room, this acid is accumulated to such an extent as to be very injurious to animals breathing the air saturated with it. It is, in fact, a deadly poison.

Hence a proper regard to ventilation of stables and places where animals are confined is of the utmost importance, and the want of it often leads to the most fatal inflammatory diseases.

A man consumes about a gallon of air per minute. Boussingault says a horse throws off daily forty-five pounds of carbon in the form of carbonic gas, and in the case of the cow four-ninths of the carbon contained in the daily food is consumed in the process of respiration. It is evident, then, that the air in a closely shut up stable or cow house, must soon become vitiated and utterly unfit to support life in a healthy condition. The air which animals breathe should be in a state of purity. The space over the heads of animals should be open so far as possible and unobstructed by hay lofts or anything else, and ventilators should be made in the roof of all tightly built barns to allow the escape of vitiated air. —*Mass. Ploughman.*

Shorthorns.

Whether the top price for shorthorns has yet been reached we do not know, but that a Duchess bull was sold for 4,500 guineas is a "great fact." The animal was named the Duke of Connaught, the purchaser was Lord Fitzhardinge, and the price was paid at the sale of Lord Dunsmore's cattle at Dunmore, near Stirling. It is not surprising to learn that this animal was described as "the finest Duchess bull in the world," and it is satisfactory to know that he is not going out of England. Strange to say, both the sire and mother of the Duke of Connaught came from Canada, having been bred there by enterprising purchasers of Bates' stock. The other prices realized at Lord Dunmore's sale were higher on the average then ever before known. Another Duchess bull brought 3,000 guineas; two magnificent cows, 1,950 and 1,810 guineas respectively, and very few of the animals offered realized under £300. The average of the bulls was £992 16s. 8d. per head, and of the cows, £576 5s. 6d. per head, the total average of the sale of thirty-nine lots being £672 16s. 8d. per head.—*London Court Journal.*

A valuable herd of shorthorn cattle, which belonged to the late Mr. William Torr, has been sold at Aylesbury Manor, near Grimsby. There were 84 lots—71 cows and heifers and 13 bulls—and these produced a total of nearly £43,000, or an average of more than £510.

CARE OF HORSES.—The London *Horse Book* says: All horses must not be fed in the same proportion, without regard to their ages, their constitution and their work; because the impropriety of such a practice is self-evident. Yet this is constantly done, and is the basis of diseases of every kind. Never use bad hay on account of the cheapness, because it brings on inflammation of the bowels and skin disases. Chaff is better for old horses than hay, because they can chew and digest it better. When a horse is worked hard, its food should chiefly be hay—because oats supply more nourishment and flesh-making material than any other kind of food; hay not so much. Rack feeding is wasteful. The better plan is to feed with chopped hay, because the food is not then thrown out, and is more easily chewed and digested. Sprinkle the hay with water that has salt dissolved in it because it is pleasing to the animal's taste and more easily digested. A tablespoonful of salt in a bucket of water is sufficient.

HOW TO ESTIMATE CROPS PER ACRE.—Frame together four light sticks, measuring exactly a foot square inside, and with this in hand, walk into the field and select a spot of fair average yield, and lower the frame square over as many heads as it will enclose, and shell out the heads thus enclosed carefully and weigh the grain. It is fair to presume that the proportion will be the 43,460th part of the acre's produce. To prove it, go through the field and make ten or twenty calculations and estimate by the mean of the whole number of results. It will certainly enable a farmer to make a closer calculation of what a field will produce than he can by guessing.

Small farms make near neighbors; they make good roads; they make plenty of good schools and churches; there is more money made in proportion to the labor; less labor is wanted; everything is kept neat; less wages have to be paid for help; less time is wasted; more is raised to the acre; besides, it is tilled better; there is no watching of hired help; the mind is not kept in a worry, a fret, all the time.

Humorous.

Getting Rid of her Daughter's Beau

She lives down on Baker street, and she has a daughter about eighteen years old. The old lady retains all her simplicity and innocence, and she doesn't go two cents on style. The other evening when a splendid catch called to escort the daughter to the opera the mother wouldn't take the hint to keep still. While helping her daughter to get ready, she asked:

"Mary, are you going to wear the shoes with one heel off, or the pair with holes in em?"

Mary didn't seem to hear, and the mother inquired:

"Are you going to wear that dollar gold chain and that washed locket, or will you wear the diamond father bought at the hardware store?"

Mary winked at her, and the young man blushed, but the old lady went on:

"Are you going to borrow Mrs. Brown's shawl, or will you wear mine?"

Mary bustled around the room, and the mother said:

"Be careful of your dress, Mary; you know it's the only one you've got, and you can't have another until the mortgage on this place is lifted."

Mary remarked to her escort that it promised to be a beautiful evening, and as she buttoned her glove her mother asked:

"Those are Mrs. Hardy's gloves, ain't they? She's been a good neighbor to us, and I don't know how you'd manage to go anywhere if she didn't live near us."

Mary was hurrying to get out of the room, when the mother raised her voice once more and asked:

Did you run into Mrs. Jewett's and borrow her bracelet and fan? Yes, I see you did. Well, now, you look real stylish, and I hope you'll have a good time."

Mary sits by her window in the pale moonlight and sighs for the splendid young man to come and beau her around some more, but he hasn't been seen up that way since that night. The old lady, too, says that he seemed like a nice young man, and she hopes he hasn't been killed by the street cars. —*Detroit Free Press.*

When the English fleet under Lord Nelson was bearing down upon the French ships anchored in Aboukir Bay, just before the ever-memorable battle of the Nile, the captain of one of the British vessels addressed his crew at considerable length, and, having exhorted them to remember their duty, and what their country required at their hands, he turned to the captain of marines and said; "Now, sir, you have heard what I have said to the ship's company; it may be as well for you to say something to the men particularly under you." Upon which the marine officer commanded "attention," and addressed them in the following pithy and laconic manner—"My lads, do you see that land? pointing to the shore which they were rapidly nearing. "That," said he, "is the land of Egypt; and if you don't fight you'll soon be in the house of bondage."

"There, my dear wife, there is the set of jewelry which you have so long waited for," said he, as he laid a package before his wife, the other evening. "O! you dear old darling. How much did it cost?" she inquired, as she tore off the paper. "Only $50," he replied, carelessly. "And what's this mark, '$8.50,' on the card for?" she asked, as she held it up and looked at him with suspicion in her eyes. "That—that mark—why, that means they paid only $8.50 to have the jewelry made," he replied. "Just think, darling, of grinding a poor, hard-working artisan down to $8.50!"

The following story is told of a member of Parliament, who, wishing to conciliate an old neighbor, a voter, sent him a pineapple from his hot-house: "I hope you liked it," he said to the old man, when he met him a few days afterwards. "Well, yes thankee, pretty well. But I suppose we sort of people are not used to them fine things, and don't know how to eat 'em." "How did you eat it, then?" "We boiled 'em." "Boiled it!" sighed the M. P., in horror, thinking of his pineapple. "Yes, we boiled 'em with a leg of mutton."

A portly magistrate of Glasgow, having, one Sunday in summer, found his way to the parish church of Govan, overcome by the heat of the weather, fell fast asleep during the sermon. In the middle of the discourse, a dog which had got into the church most inopportunely set up a howl. "Put out that dog" said the minister; "put out that dog instantly—*he'll waken the magistrate.*"

The Count de Grasse was once wounded in the knee with a musket-ball. The doctors cut and hacked and made many incisions, when, getting out of patience, the Count asked why they cut him up so much. "We are seeking," said the surgeon, "for the ball" "Why didntt you mention that before? I have the ball in my pocket"

A village pedagogue, in despair with a stupid boy, pointed to the letter A, and asked him if he knew it. "Yes, sir." Well, what is it?" "I knows him very well by sight, sir—but rat me if I can remember his name."

Business Cards.

NEW
STOVE AND TIN STORE
In Middletown.

Eliason & Benson,

Manufacturers and Dealers in

STOVES,
HEATERS, RANGES,
AND TIN WARE
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

We have in stock the most popular and best Parlor, Cook and Room Stove manufactured, among them may be found the Home Delight, Morning Light, Florentine, Tuscan, Bon Ton, Florence, Charm, Belle, Regulator, Centennial, Palace Cook, Golden Eagle, Eureka, Combination Cook, Wabash, Model Complete, Victor Cook, Pretty Range, Pet Range, and can furnish on short notice any other stove manufactured.

We invite special attention to the Regulator "Revolving Top" for convenience. Surpasses anything in the stove line ever offered in this market.

Stoves repaired on the shortest notice.

Roofing and spouting a specialty.

We hope by giving our personal attention to business, and making moderate charges to receive a share of the public patronage.

Give us a call. ELIASON & BENSON,
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OPPOSITE THE DEPOT,

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE,

DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF

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BRICKS, LIME, HIAR, SASH, DOORS, BLINDS

MOULDINGS, PAINTS, OILS,

GLASS, ETC. ETC.

Constantly on hand all kinds of

Building Material.

January 15—tf

Send for self-measurement circular.

J. P. DOUGHTEN,
may 28-tf 410 Market st. Wilmington. Del.

NEW BAKERY
AND CONFECTIONERY STORE.

THE undersigned gives notice to the citizens of Middletown and vicinity that he has taken the corner store formerly occupied by J. F. Eliason, and opened a Confectionery Store and

Ice Cream Saloon.

He will keep always on hand a fine supply of freshly baked BREAD and CAKES. Also Confectioneries, etc.

Ice Cream furnished at the most reasonable rates for parties, pic-nics, private families, etc.

Call and See.

May 29-tf F. TARONI.

SEE HERE!!

At Anderson's Drug Store,
(BARR'S OLD STAND),

You can get XX SWISS LINIMENT, a sure cure for Frosted Feet, Lame Back, Rheumatism, Bunions, Neuralgia, Pains in the Head, Side or Joints, Sore throat, &c. Use it and suffer no longer.

IT ACTS LIKE MAGIC.

Taken inwardly it cures Diarrhœa, Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, cramps, &c.

All we ask for it is a fair trial. Sold only by ANDERSON, who keeps all the Patent Medicines of the day.

Sep 25—1y.

J. MEIER & BRO.,

MERCHANT TAILORS,

S. E. COR, SECOND AND ARCH STS.,

PHILADELPHIA,

Have in Stock a full line of

Fine Overcoatings, Suitings, Cassimeres, and Vestings

Of the newest designs for FALL and WINTER wear, which will be made to order in the latest styles and best manner. Special attention given to Dress Suits.

CALL AND EXAMINE OUR STOCK.

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M. E. DICKSON,

No. 35½ SOUTH EIGHTH STREET,

PHILADELPHIA,

DEALER IN

WATCHES AND JEWELRY,

SOLID STERLING

Silver and Plated Ware

Suitable for Holiday Presents.

N. B.—Fine selection of 18 Kt. Wedding Rings on Hand.

Gold, Silver and Steel Spectacles to suit all ages. Dec. 10—tf

THOMAS MASSEY, JR.

CLOCK AND WATCH MAKER,

Main Street, next door to National Hotel

Middletown, Delaware

CLOCKS, Watches, Jewelry, &c. neatly and promptly repared.

Always on hand and for sale, Clocks, Watches, Plated Ware, Forks, Spoons, Silver Napkin Rings, Silver Thimbles, Salt, Sugar and Tea Spoons, Butter Knives, Gold Breast-Pins, Ear-Rings, Finger-Rings, Sleeve Buttons, Watch Chains, Watch Keys, Key Rings, Steel Watch Chains, &c.

AGENT FOR
DeVINNY'S SPECTACLES.

Dec. 12—tf.

MIDDLETOWN

Iron Foundry and Machine Shop.

PLOWS and Plow Castings, Machine Castings of all kinds on hand or made to order.

Particular attention given to Repairing Machinery. Cash for old Iron.

WM. L. BUCKE & SON,
Jan 4-tf Founders and Machinists.

Time Tables.

PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON AND BALTIMORE RAILROAD.

Delaware Division Time Table.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

ON and after Monday, MAY 31st, 1875, (Sundays excepted,) Trains will leave as follows:

SOUTHWARD. Passenger.	Mixed.			NORTHWARD. Passenger.	Mixed
A. M.	P. M.	A. M.		A. M.	P. M.
8 00	5 15		—Baltimore—	1 15	8 15
7 00	2 45		—Philadelphia—	9 20	5 35 10 45
9 25	6 40	5 00	—Wilmington—	8 05	4 10 9 10
9 35	6 48		—Del. Junction—	7 58	4 03
9 46	7 00	5 25	—New Castle—	7 47	3 53 8 43
9 48	7 05		—State Road—	7 39	3 45
9 56	7 13		—Bear—	7 36	3 42
9 59	7 16		—Rodney—	7 28	3 35
10 06	7 25	5 56	—Kirkwood—	7 25	3 32 8 12
10 15	7 35	6 10	—Mt. Pleasant—	7 14	3 23 7 58
10 33	7 55	6 28	—Middletown—	7 04	3 14 7 45
10 42	8 05	6 45	—Townsend—	6 45	2 57 7 18
10 47	8 11	6 52	—Blackbird—	6 38	2 49 7 12
10 55	8 19	7 04	—Green Spring—	6 30	2 42 7 02
11 01	8 25	7 16	—Clayton—	6 25	2 37 6 56
11 15	8 41		—Symrna—	6 05	2 20
11 06	8 31	7 24	—Brenford—	6 16	2 19 6 48
11 12	8 38	7 36	—Moorton—	6 10	2 13 6 40
11 23	8 50	7 55	—Dover—	6 00	2 02 6 28
11 30	8 58	8 05	—Wyoming—	5 50	1 54 6 10
11 38	9 06		—Woodside—	5 42	1 46 5 56
11 43	9 11		—Canterbury—	5 37	1 41 5 49
11 49	9 17	8 30	—Felton—	5 32	1 35 5 42
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4 35	6 25	Wilmington,	10 12	8 20
5 21	7 12	Chaddsford,	9 24	7 34
6 30	8 20	Coatesville,	8 25	6 35
7 32	9 26	Springfield,	7 12	5 25
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8 42	10 42	Reading,	6 00	4 15

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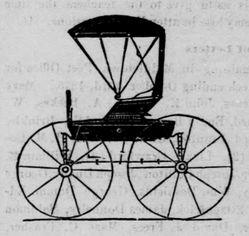

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